



**Command Sergeant Major  
Henry H. Lind  
(1924 – 2000)**



**Henry H. Lind joined the United States Army in 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. After his Basic Training, he volunteered for Airborne School and was subsequently assigned to Charlie Company, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. During World War II he jumped into Normandy with the 82<sup>nd</sup> and participated in five major battles across Europe. During this time he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions in combat.**

**Upon returning from Europe in 1945, he was reassigned to Charlie Company of the 1-23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment at Camp Swift, Texas. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment was later relocated to Fort Lewis, Washington. On the eve of the Korean War, Henry H. Lind (then a Command Sergeant Major) was selected to lead the Special Reconnaissance Group of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. CSM Lind led the way for the division from the Pusan Perimeter to the Yalu River, assisting in the liberation of American POW's from the Nam Won Prison. CSM Lind was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Divisions harrowing retreat through a 10 kilometer stretch of the heavily contested Kunu-ri pass, known as "The Gauntlet". By the conclusion of the Korean War, CSM Lind had also been awarded the Bronze Star with V Device, his second Purple Heart, the Korean Medal of Honor, and his second Combat Infantryman's Badge.**

**CSM Lind's final assignment was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, prior to his retirement at Fort Lewis, Washington on 31 December, 1963. CSM Lind served as an honorary Command Sergeant Major of the 23<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry Regiment from May 1999 until succumbing to cancer in September 2000. His life embodies the motto of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment - "We Serve".**